



WEASEL NOTAM – 35 FW-13-19
Automobile and Motorcycle Racing, Tricks, and Stunt Driving
26 September 2013



1. **PURPOSE:** Prevent injuries and fatal mishaps that result from automobile and motorcycle racing, tricks, and stunts which prejudice the maintenance of good order and discipline, degrade mission capability, and which bring discredit upon Airmen thereby negatively impacting the vital U.S. and Japanese relationship.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This NOTAM applies to all Air Force personnel assigned or attached to the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base to include personnel in TDY status.
3. **BACKGROUND:** Misawa AB has experienced more than two dozen serious injuries and fatalities in the last 18 months as the result of Airmen operating automobiles and motorcycles at high speeds, racing, or engaging in automobile or motorcycle trick and/or stunt driving. Further, nearly all of these mishaps occurred off-base and almost always resulted in injury to Japanese citizens and property. These mishaps have resulted in the heartbreaking loss of Airmen's lives, devastated families and loved ones, degraded mission capability, and damaged our vital relationship with our host nation. Tragically, every one of these accidents was preventable.
4. **COMMANDER'S INTENT:** The Air Force regards its members as its most important asset and requires each of us to take reasonable care to prevent injury or loss of life. Certain activities such as automobile and motorcycle racing, tricks, and stunt driving involve an unusually high risk of serious injury, loss of life, and property damage to both American service members and our Japanese hosts. After thorough study and careful consideration, I am removing automobile and motorcycle racing, both track and road, from the high risk activities list and prohibiting both activities along with automobile and motorcycle tricks and stunt driving.
5. **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:** Effective immediately, the following prohibitions are in effect:
 - a. Automobile racing is prohibited. This prohibition includes racing at commercial race tracks, whether privately or publicly owned, on roadways, or off-road (e.g. beach, fields). Further, an Airman may not ride as a passenger in an automobile engaged in automobile racing.
 - b. Motorcycle racing is prohibited. The term "motorcycle" is defined to include two-wheel, three-wheel, and four-wheel motorcycles or all terrain vehicles (ATVs). The racing prohibition includes racing at commercial race tracks, whether privately or publicly owned, on roadways or off-road (e.g. beach, fields). Further, an Airman may not ride as a passenger on a motorcycle engaged in motorcycle racing. The prohibition against motorcycle racing does not apply to racing on a commercial dirt motorcross track, whether publicly or privately owned, provided that the Airman has complied with the high risk activities program requirements.
 - c. Automobile and motorcycle trick and stunt driving is prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the following tricks Bosozoku, braking drift, choku-dori, chakudari, clutch kick, dirt drop, donut, cookie, drafting, drifting, e-braking, hand-braking, side-braking, hashiriya, kansei, lift off, taking in, oversteer, power oversteer, powerslide, shift lock, compression slide, ski drift, and understeer. Further, an Airman may not ride as a passenger in automobile or on a motorbike engaged in stunt or trick driving.

6. PUNITIVE ORDER: Paragraph 5 of this NOTAM is punitive. Violations shall be punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Further, racing, stunt, or trick driving in some circumstances may also constitute reckless driving which is already prohibited and punitive under Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

7. AUTHORITY: IAW AFI 91-202, The US Air Force Mishap Prevention Program, 5 Aug 11, AFI 31-218(I), Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 15 Jul 11, AFMAN 31-116, Air Force Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 9 May 12, and the PACAF High Risk Activities Program Guide, undated.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE: This NOTAM is effective immediately and shall remain in effect indefinitely, pending further assessment of the risk presented by these activities in conjunction with an evaluation of 35th Fighter Wing Mishaps after a one year period. I retain the approval authority for all requests to waive or modify the prohibitions in Paragraph 5 of this NOTAM. Questions concerning this NOTAM should be directed to 35th Fighter Wing Safety at 226-3463.



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Attachment:
Acknowledgement Memorandum



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

MEMORANDUM FOR _____ (Member's Unit)/CC

1. I acknowledge that I have been briefed on WEASEL NOTAM 35 FW 13-19, Automobile and Motorcycle Racing, Tricks and Stunt Driving, dated 26 September 2013. I acknowledge and understand that this NOTAM applies to me and that automobile and motorcycle racing, tricks and stunt driving is prohibited by the order of the Commander, 35th Fighter Wing. I also understand that any violations of this NOTAM may result in punitive action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

2. Receipt acknowledged and understood at _____ hrs on _____ (date).

Print Member's Full Name

Member's Signature

Member's Unit